



NEWS RELEASE

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Lake Jackson, Texas**

**City of Lake Jackson
Hurricane Harvey/Brazos River Flood
Weather Update
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Harvey will finally begin to pull out of our area today and tomorrow. It decided to leave us a little parting gift with 5.05 inches of rain yesterday, mostly last night. It created some minor street flooding and a couple of trees fell here and there. But by morning the street flooding has receded.

Since August 25th we have received 13.6 inches of rain. That is a lot under normal circumstances, but pales in comparison to the total seen in other communities affected by Harvey.

Now we watch the river flood. At 5 a.m. this morning the Rosharon gauge on the river was at 52.44 feet. It is forecast to reach a peak of 52.9 feet tonight or tomorrow. The River Forecast Center has the river at or above 51 feet through September 3rd. Their forecast does not go beyond 9/3/17 at this time.

Oyster Creek was at 15.7 feet at the gauge at FM 2004 (Dow pump station) last night at 7 p.m. The highest we have ever recorded (1992) at that location was 19.77. The creek can go to about 20.5 feet at that location before we could see the creek banks topped. Even then, as we have been saying, water would sheet flow into our street system. At this time we believe we will get close to bank full in the creek, but not come out of its bank. This is our best estimate at this time.

All pumps are running to get river rainfall out of the city in preparation for any more rain that could fall. The Velasco Drainage District pumps at the river will run as needed to remove rain water from our system.

This flood event will be a long drawn out affair and will test everyone's patience. Again, what we are dealing with pales in comparison with those communities to our west, north, and east.

We will have another update around noon.